

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the	)	NOTICE OF PROPOSED
proposed amendment of ARM	)	AMENDMENT
10.58.103 relating to review	)	
of professional educator	)	NO PUBLIC HEARING
preparation programs	)	CONTEMPLATED

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On April 4, 2005, the Board of Public Education proposes to amend ARM 10.58.103 relating to review of professional educator preparation programs.

2. The Board of Public Education will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in the rulemaking process and need an alternative accessible format of this notice. If you require an accommodation, contact the Board of Public Education no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 14, 2005 to advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need. Please contact Steve Meloy, P.O. Box 200601, Helena, MT 59620-0601, telephone: (406) 444-6576, FAX: (406) 444-0847, e-mail smeloy@bpe.montana.edu.

3. The rule proposed to be amended provides as follows, stricken matter interlined, new matter underlined:

10.58.103 VISITATIONS (1) All professional educator preparation programs shall be visited for approval every ~~five~~ seven years or on an adjusted schedule based upon coordination with national accreditation or upon request of an institution.

(2) through (4) remain the same.

AUTH: Sec. 20-2-114

IMP: Sec. 20-2-121

Statement of Reasonable Necessity: The Board of Public Education finds it reasonable and necessary to amend this rule to change the cycle for approval of educator preparation programs from five years to seven years to conform with the current cycle for review by the national council for accreditation of teacher education (NCATE).

4. Concerned persons may submit their data, views or arguments concerning the proposed amendment in writing to the Board of Public Education, P.O. Box 200601, Helena, MT 59620-0601 or by e-mail to smeloy@bpe.montana.edu to be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 24, 2005.

5. If persons who are directly affected by the proposed amendment wish to express their data, views and arguments orally or in writing at a public hearing, they must make written request for a hearing and submit this request along

with any written comments they have to the Board of Public Education, P.O. Box 200601, Helena, MT 59620-0601, or by e-mail to smeloy@bpe.montana.edu. A written request for hearing must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 24, 2005.

6. If the Board of Public Education receives requests for a public hearing on the proposed amendment from either 10% or 25, whichever is less, of the persons who are directly affected by the proposed amendment; from the appropriate administrative rule review committee of the legislature; from a governmental subdivision or agency; or from an association having not less than 25 members who will be directly affected, a hearing will be held at a later date. Notice of the hearing will be published in the Montana Administrative Register. Ten percent of those persons directly affected has been determined to be three persons based on approximately 30 college deans and other persons involved in accreditation review in the State of Montana.

7. The Board of Public Education maintains a list of interested persons who wish to receive notices of rulemaking actions proposed by this board. Persons who wish to have their name added to the list shall make a written request which includes the name and mailing address of the person to receive notices and specifies that the person wishes to receive notices regarding rules promulgated by the Board. Such written request may be mailed or delivered to the Board of Public Education, P.O. Box 200601, Helena, MT 59620-0601, faxed to the office at (406) 444-0847, or may be made by completing a request form at any rules hearing held by the Board of Public Education.

8. The bill sponsor requirements of 2-4-302, MCA, do not apply. The requirements of 20-1-501, MCA, have been fulfilled. Copies of these rules have been sent to all tribal governments in Montana.

/s/ Dr. Kirk Miller  
Dr. Kirk Miller, Chairperson  
Board of Public Education

/s/ Steve Meloy  
Steve Meloy, Rule Reviewer  
Board of Public Education

Certified to the Secretary of State February 14, 2005.